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CHARTER AMENDMENTS

In the issue of THE NEWS of April 23 was published in full a proposed amendment to the city charter enlarging the powers of the city Council. At the time this proposed amendment was approved by the council, and even within a few days after its publication in THE NEWS, neither the members of council or the citizens generally were aware of the tremendous power placed in the hands of council by the amendment, and as a consequence there was no objection to it. The bills were sent to Tallahassee and were promptly passed by both House and Senate.

Then the people woke up—then they learned what immense power they were taking away from the tax-payer and placing in the hands of six councilmen. Fortunately, the governor had not approved the bills and our representatives in Tallahassee have succeeded in getting them held up until a petition can be sent up requesting the governor to veto them, or to have them declared null and void. This petition was circulated yesterday and was very generally signed.

The objectionable amendment can be seen in full by referring to THE NEWS of April 23. It proposes to enlarge the powers of the council by giving them authority to "regulate, provide for and require the opening, widening, extending and improving of streets, avenues and public places; the construction and maintenance of sidewalks and street pavements; the establishment and maintenance and keeping in order of grass plots and park ways in front of property between the property lines or outer sidewalk lines and the driveways in the center of streets; the drainage and filling in of low places, public or private dangerous to public health, and the cleaning up and putting into safe condition of places requiring such work to be done to protect the public welfare; and the construction and maintenance of water mains, sewers and drains; and may, by ordinance, provide for the payment of the cost thereof by general taxation or by special assessment of the cost thereof against the property fronting or abutting upon the street, avenue or public place where the same is done, in proportion to frontage of the property fronting thereon, the special assessment being made per front foot to the abutting property, or part of the cost thereof may be, by ordinance, paid by general taxation of all property of the city, and the remainder by such special assessment, and in case of drainage and filling in of low places (other than streets, avenues and public places) dangerous to public health, and the cleaning up and putting into proper condition of places requiring such work to be done to protect the public welfare, shall provide for the payment of the cost of such work by special assessment of the cost thereof or of such part of the cost as may be provided by ordinance, against the property upon which such work is done, and the city shall have a lien superior to all other liens upon the abutting

property, or upon the property drained and filled in or cleaned up and put into proper condition, as the case may be, or the amount of such special assessments, together with interest thereon and all cost of collection thereof." The interest may be ONE PER CENT PER MONTH, or less.

Under this amendment, council could sewer the entire town or do pretty near anything else, letting contracts and paying for the work in "certificates" or script bearing interest at not more than ONE PER CENT PER MONTH; these certificates would be liens upon the property, taking priority to mortgages and all other rights or claims. In fact, they would be bonds, secured by liens on private real property. There are other provisions which were considered unwise.

The town has not been so worked up over anything in a long time.

One-man power—ta! ta!

The defeat of Mr. Bushnell and Mr. Eccles at the polls on Tuesday was not a personal affair, and neither one of them should feel hurt. It was due not to lack of confidence in them on the part of the people; but was, in the opinion of THE NEWS, only a rebuke against one-man government. Hereafter, when the citizens' committee sees fit to arrange for the nomination of candidates, it will be better to call a primary and let the people have a word or two in the selection of the candidates. The election on last Tuesday has, we hope for a long time, put an end to state-making in DeLand. If the people can't be trusted to nominate their own officers, the right to elect the officers should also be denied them. Slate-making has received a severe jolt in DeLand.

If some of the members of the Legislature would pay a little more attention to preventing waste of tax receipts, and less attention to bills proposing to tax everything under the face of the sun, it would be better for the people. The last sensational tax bill was introduced by Senator West. We pay State taxes, and county taxes and city taxes, occupation tax, personal tax, poll tax and dog tax. Gentlemen you are rubbing it in a little. Give us a let-up, please.

THE NEWS can very readily understand how any man can prefer local option to State-wide prohibition; this is a question on which many of our best people will differ—but how any member of the Legislature can consistently vote to deprive the people of the State of the privilege of voting on this question is beyond us. If the people of Volusia county are capable of selecting men to make laws, they certainly must be capable of making those laws, or expressing an opinion as to the advisability of making such laws. In voting against the submission of the constitutional amendment for ratification or rejection by the people, we believe that Senator Sams did not do justice to the intelligence of his constituents.

For many years in Florida it has been very difficult to obtain a jury willing to convict for murder and to subject the victim to capital punishment. In a very great majority of cases, the jury brings in a verdict of guilty with recommendation to the mercy of the court, which is equivalent to a sentence for life. In many of the cases where the jury did convict, the pardoning board would step in and extend the hand of mercy. The present governor serves notice that the responsibility for the enforcement of the law must rest on the people and their juries. Clemency will not be

extended unless there are the most mitigating circumstances. This is better, too. It will put things on a firmer basis. It will put the responsibility where it belongs—with the people. It will make our legal courts as highly respected as our lynch courts, from which there is no appeal.

EXECUTIVE MANSION

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THE FURNISHINGS AND PICTURES
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 —FLORIDIANS CAN WELL AFFORD
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 THE STATE'S GOVERNOR.

One of the show places in Florida now is the Gubernatorial mansion, in Tallahassee. Gov. Gilchrist being a bachelor, the mansion is delightfully presided over by this mother, Mrs. Jas. G. Gibbs, who is a most charming and interesting personage, and whose faultless culture and taste is now evident on every hand in the interior decoration of the mansion.

The unique yet eminently appropriate nature of the mural and other adornments of the mansion at once impress the visitor. National patriotism, Southern loyalty and State pride are evidenced on every side, while at every turn are seen interesting souvenirs and witnesses of the extensive travels, the cosmopolitan fancy and the cultured taste of the mansion's present master.

PRIZED PERSONAL RELICS.

Upon entering the long, graceful hall and facing the beautiful double parlor, one notices upon the wall the serviceable canteen and other prized relics of Governor Gilchrist's service in the Spanish-American war. Adjoining these is a striking portrait of the Governor, when a cadet at the West Point Military Academy, beneath which hangs two crossed swords—one being the Governor's and the other having been his father's. Under the swords is a beautiful painting made in far-off Siberia, of the famous "Three Monkeys," below which is another captivating picture of three lovely young women, teaching the same lessons of wisdom that the monkeys have expounded to Floridians.

Over the parlor door hang paintings of Presidents Jefferson and Madison, between which are exhibited two Mauser rifles, which have seen hard service in actual war.

On the same side of the hall and over the grand divan, itself undoubtedly one of the most elegant pieces of furniture ever seen in Florida, is fixed a superb brace of elk's horns, one of the largest in existence, from the Yellowstone National Park, and above this is one of the noblest trophies of all, a huge stuffed American eagle.

HANDSOME PORTRAITS.

Above the rear parlor door, just before the grand staircase is reached are seen excellent portraits of Grover Cleveland and William J. Bryan, tastily wreathed with bunting and numerous souvenirs of travel.

The north side of the hall is, if possible, even more interesting. Here are portraits of George Washington, Robert Lee and Andrew Jackson, a splendid painting of the last meeting of General Lee and Jackson, a picture of Governor Francis P. Fleming's staff, on which Gov. Gilchrist was inspector general, and finally, excellent portraits of Jefferson Davis and Abraham Lincoln, with the flags of the Union and of the Confederacy

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Along this wall is portrayed the history of the last Gubernatorial campaign in caricature. A large number of the best cartoons which appeared in the State newspapers from the time Gov. Gilchrist's name was first suggested until after his election have been mounted, and are arranged along the wall in sequence, in three groups or series. This exhibit of contemporaneous history makes one of the most entertaining and amusing features of the mansion's decorations.

Here and there throughout the beautiful hall and in the four elegant rooms opening into it are in-

numerable curios, souvenirs, bits of handwork, representing many nationalities, which have been collected by the Governor and his mother at home and abroad. Each turn of the visitor's eye presents some new and interesting exhibit, and the taste with which all are displayed is most pleasing and effective.

Gov. Gilchrist expects to keep the lower floor of the mansion substantially as it now appears through out his administration. Additions to the adornments will be made from time to time, but probably all in conformity with the present scheme.

Merchants of Bartow have organized for protection against peddlers who have been infesting the town lately.

Not Sisters

Now and again you see two women passing down the street who look like sisters. You are astonished to learn that they are mother and daughter, and you realize that a woman at forty or forty-five ought to be at her finest and fairest. Why isn't it so? The general health of woman is so intimately associated with the local health of the essentially feminine organs that there can be no red cheeks and round form where there is female weakness.

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